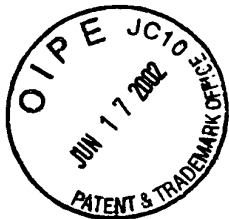


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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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Sir:

In response to the Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application mailed on January 17, 2002, a copy of which is enclosed, applicants submit herewith (a) a Declaration which has been executed by the inventors; (b) a Power of Attorney which has been executed by the assignee; and (c) a Petition to extend the time for response for three (3) months, from March 17, 2002, to and including June 17, 2002, with provision for payment of the required fee.

On information and belief, the inventors of the above-identified application have an obligation under contract or law to convey their rights, title, and interest in, to, and under the application to PAPCEL- Papier und Cellulose, Technologie und Handels GmbH ("PAPCEL"). PAPCEL qualifies as a Small Entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(2) and the captioned application is entitled to Small Entity Status. Therefore, Attorneys for Applicant respectfully request that Small Entity Status be accorded to the application.

The small-entity fee for the submission of this Declaration is estimated to be \$65.00. Please charge all required fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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